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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE GRANTED TO CAMACHO FOR TRAVEL TO  
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

REF: FAA 261136Z

¶1. Embassy Bridgetown welcomes and grants clearance to  
Joaquin Camacho to travel to St. Kitts and Nevis on May 23,  
2007 and May 30, 2007, for the purpose of performing en-route  
inspections to Coastal Air as part of work program.

¶2. Per reftel, Embassy understands assistance is not required.

¶3. Embassy Bridgetown requests an outbrief be provided to the  
Political/Economic Section relating to activities while in  
the region within 10 working days of completion of travel.  
Please provide the outbrief by telephone, 246/436-4950 X2230,  
or by fax at 246/431-0384.

¶4. Entry requirements: Mission policy is that all USG  
travelers to the region be in possession of a valid passport.  
There is a departure tax of 45 xcd (Eastern Caribbean)  
dollars or 16.50 U.S. dollars.

¶5. The exchange rate in St. Kitts and Nevis is 2.70 xcd  
(Eastern Caribbean) dollars for one U.S. dollar. U.S.  
currency, traveler's checks, and credit cards are routinely  
and widely accepted.

¶6. The following is general information pertaining to  
security and health considerations throughout the Eastern  
Caribbean:

#### Security

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In the Eastern Caribbean, foot travel outside of  
well-established tourist areas is not generally recommended,  
especially at night. Be vigilant when using public  
telephones or ATM machines near roadsides or quiet areas. As  
in many U.S. metropolitan areas, wearing expensive jewelry,  
carrying expensive objects, or carrying large amounts of cash  
should be avoided. Visitors should also safeguard valuables  
while at the beach. While hotels are generally safe, many  
visitors have experienced loss of unattended items. Hotel  
burglaries are not uncommon and all valuables should be  
locked in room safes if possible.

#### Health

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Throughout the Eastern Caribbean, the most likely threat to a  
visitor's health is sunburn. It takes several weeks to  
become accustomed to the heat and humidity. Prolonged  
exposure to the sun, without protection, causes sunburn and  
may ultimately result in sun-damaged skin or even skin  
cancer. Sunscreens should be used for protection. In  
Barbados, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines the

major health threat is dengue fever, transmitted by mosquito.

Dengue cases are most often seen in the summer months. Persons should therefore protect themselves with insect repellent. There is a growing number of HIV/AIDS cases reported. The Eastern Caribbean enjoys clean and safe drinking water. Only routine boosters for immunizations (i.e., tetanus, diphtheria, and oral polio vaccine) are required when traveling to this region. Barbados has the best medical facilities of all the islands in the region and most of the medical specialties have practitioners here.

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